

Seeking Interested Professionals to Serve as Subject Matter Experts for the Hearing Aid Dispensers Occupational Analysis

The Board is pleased to announce the commencement of the Occupational Analysis (OA) for hearing aid dispensers. The Board will be seeking qualified hearing aid dispensers & dispensing audiologists to review information related to the profession of dispensing.

This OA will identify the tasks performed in the dispensing profession & the knowledge required to practice as a licensed dispenser in California. The results of the OA form the basis of the licensing examinations, helping to ensure the examinations are job-related. The last OA was performed in 2007.

The OA begins with interviews of licensees to gather information about the tasks performed in the dispensing or practice & the knowledge that is required to perform those tasks. Next, workshops will be conducted to review & refine the information obtained during the interviews & to incorporate the information into a survey. The survey will ask licensees to rate each task & knowledge area as they apply to their own dispensing practice. The Board expects to survey licensees throughout California late 2011. Additional workshops will be conducted to review the results of the survey & to determine critical factors.

Telephone interviews & workshops are conducted by Test Validation & Development Specialists from the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Professional Examination Services, & Board staff. Workshops will be conducted with a group of 5-10 licensees from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in a 2-day, Thursday & Friday workshop. The workshops dates are yet to be scheduled, but possibly two workshops later in 2011 & two in 2012. Workshop participants will be paid a per diem rate of \$140.00 per day. Participants who live 50 or more miles from the workshop site are reimbursed for overnight travel expenses. The Board typically prepays airfare.

If you are interested in being considered for the telephone interviews or workshops for the OA, please refer to the application below.

If you are interested in providing this vital service to the State of California & be considered by the Board to be a Subject Matter Expert, please verify that you meet the following criteria:

Possess a current & valid California Hearing Aid Dispensing License or Dispensing Audiology license. This licensee must have 5 or more years of experience & expertise in the practice of dispensing.

Have no pending complaints or discipline against your hearing aid dispensing or dispensing audiology license or any health care related license in California or in any other state.

Agree to the current reimbursement rate of \$140.00 per day for workshops/interviews & any document preparation. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses within the State guidelines.

You must complete a conflict of interest form, examination security agreement, and several other forms.

If you meet the requirements & are interested in possibly becoming a Subject Matter Expert, please fill out the application below. Please send a copy of the form & a resume to: SLPAHADB 2005 Evergreen St #2100, Sacramento, CA 95815 (Attn: Debbie).

Application to be considered as a Subject Matter Expert

Name:

Address:

City:

Phone:

Email address:

Preferred contact times:

License Number:

License Type: Hearing Aid Dispenser Dispensing Audiologist

How many years have you been dispensing?

What percent of a 40 hour week do you dispense?

Employment Setting:

Private Practice

Audiology Clinic

Corporation

Franchise

Hospital, Private Doctor, Other

School Setting

What is the population in the city you dispense?

What region do you provide dispensing services?

Do you work out of multiple business locations? If so, notate addresses of each location.